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1. The East German Office for Reparations (Amt fuer Reparationen) in Berlin and the Reparations Departments of the Provincial Councils (Bezirksraete) are to be deactivated as of 31 December 1953. An office for winding up outstanding business (Abwicklungsstelle) is to continue to function at the premises of the Berlin office until 31 March 1954. After that date, any matters requiring attention will be dealt with by the Ministry of Foreign Trade to which most of the present staff of the Reparations Office in Berlin are being transferred, probably to the Heavy Machinery Department in the Export Division.
2. No further orders for reparations are being placed, and those already placed but not yet in hand are being cancelled. Those in hand are to lose their top priority and are to be considered ordinary export orders to the USSR. All firms with outstanding bills for payment of orders carried out as reparations must present them to the Abwicklungsstelle by 25 January 1954.

1. Comment. Possibly the Ministerium fuer Innerdeutschen- und Aussenhandel (MIA), the East German Ministry for Domestic and Foreign Trade, is meant.

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